

School and Community.

By Henrietta Rodman.

COMMISSIONER FINLEY, Professor Duggan, Rabbi Wise, Dr. Goldwater, Mr. Kingsbury, Miss Davis and Judge Hoyt are among the signers of a petition to the Constitutional Convention.

"We are deeply impressed by the grave social results of failure to provide institutional care or supervision for the feeble-minded in the State of New York," the petition states, "and we desire to record our conviction that an amendment to the constitution enabling the Legislature to create a special commission to have control and supervision of state institutions for the mentally defective and to devise means for their protection in the community is essential if the state is to deal with this problem in a manner commensurate with its importance."

Each person whose name appears herein believes that the economic waste which the uncare for mentally defective occasion through their interference with education, their anti-social acts and their inability to provide adequately for themselves and for those dependent upon them justifies the adoption and execution of a broad state policy for the institutional care of the mentally defective, for their supervision and guardianship in the community and for their special training in the schools.

Each believes that it is extremely unlikely that such a broad, constructive policy can be wisely formulated and successfully put into execution except by a commission especially fitted by experience and knowledge to deal with the special problem and able to devote its whole time to this work.

Each desires to petition the members of the Constitutional Convention, therefore, to adopt an amendment which will empower the Legislature to create such a special commission either by a provision in the constitution specifically requiring it or by a provision permitting the Legislature at some future time to remove the feeble-minded from the supervision of the State Board of Charities and to create such a special commission.

In expressing these convictions and in making these recommendations each person speaks for himself or herself and not for an organization or institution, but the names of the organizations and institutions in which these persons are active workers are given in order that the close relation which their work bears to the social, educational and medical problems of mental deficiency may be apparent.

A Sum to Ponder Over.

"The cities of this country are spending \$800,000,000 a year," Professor Charles Beard told me, "in carrying on the people's business. The public service offers magnificent opportunities to young men and women to do work that needs to be done. A great deal of this work has been done very inefficiently, but training schools for public service have been established recently, especially in connection with state universities. The University of Texas and the University of Michigan, for example, have schools of municipal administration."

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University and City Conferences.

A conference on the relation of the universities to public service will be held in Boston August 24 to 27. The plan comes from Wisconsin, where the arrangement meets the community's need of expert service as in no other place that I know of.

Secretary Lane said: "I am constantly having men urged upon me for positions that they are absolutely unable to fill. Both they and their sponsors seem to think that they can send a wireless into the air, 'C. Q. D.', and receive from the vast beyond inspiration that will enable them to hold the job."

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'Not Yet' Is the Phrase That Retards Progress-- Thus with Vehemence Does Alice Barrows Fernandez Reply to Miss Rudyard's Views on Equal Suffrage.

As for Education, It Consists in "Doing to Learn," She Says, Instead of "Learning to Do," as Formerly—Agitation Is One of Its Biggest Forces.

By SARAH ADDINGTON.

"BEEKMAN, 3000!" said Alice Barrows Fernandez energetically to the telephone operator. The next minute a reporter was hustling up to her office to receive her answer to Charlotte Rudyard's statements quoted in Wednesday's Tribune. Mrs. Fernandez began without preamble, her first topic being the "Not-Yetters."

Women and Democracy.

"Miss Rudyard says we mustn't ask for representation because we're women. Quite right, but certainly because we're human beings, presumably living under a democracy. First of all, woman suffrage is a distinct right, if we wish to maintain a democratic government. 'Government should depend upon the will of those governed' may be a trite phrase, but it has a world of meaning. And women, being governed, have a right to express their will in the only forceful way there is of doing it—by voting. But that's the mere beginning. Just the ballot in itself would mean nothing if it did not lead to bigger things. But there are these considerations: that women will have freedom to develop in all directions; that opportunity will be thrown open to them in every line of achievement; that they will be able to improve their own conditions of living and working. One woman out of every three in New York City is a working woman. The average wage is \$7 to \$8 a week. But what good does it do to try to get legislation through if you're not a voter? None. What good have women's strikes ever done? None.

"Then, next, there is the fact that women have a great deal to offer to the world, and the world, self-sufficient as it may be, is every day receiving the benefit of women's minds and work; the vote will only make her more forceful. But lastly, and most important, the freedom of women is going to make for democracy, and democracy means the richest development of the race. I don't mean anything by democracy so philanthropic as 'improving mankind,' but I do mean that state of society where each person has the full opportunity to express himself.

An Illusion Dispelled.
"And now," Mrs. Fernandez straightened up indignantly, "here we have the statement that goodness knows they are, but that they should be is atrocious. I've said this hundreds of times, but I'll say it a few hundred more if people don't know it; that according to investigation and figures which I myself helped to gather for the Russell Sage Foundation, there are just as many women working between the ages of 25 and 45 as there are between 16 and 25. So that women's prime in the working world is just the same as men's prime, and this talk about women being economic inconstants is all boah. If we could only dispel that illusion from the minds of unscientific people!"

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them and they will make good. That's human psychology; we always live up to a standard when success depends upon it. There's no such thing as learning first and doing afterward. The two things are simultaneous. And besides, we're not an entirely ignorant class; women as a whole are better educated than men."

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Mrs. Alice Barrows Fernandez, director of the Vocational Education Survey, who says that the ballot will awaken in women a sense of responsibility.

"Nor do I concede for one minute with Miss Rudyard that ability depends upon vitality. Or that women haven't as much vitality as men. She has no right to say that when many, many physicians and investigators claim for women quite as much endurance as for men. And her exhaustion idea made me have the best laugh I've had for a long time. I must say that meeting men's minds doesn't tire me in the least; it's great fun to meet my mind. I don't find that vast difference between the minds of the two sexes. But the only mind it tires me to meet is an anti-suffrage mind. And that's because there isn't much there, usually."

Black Velvet, Judiciously Applied, Gives Character to the Midsummer Costume

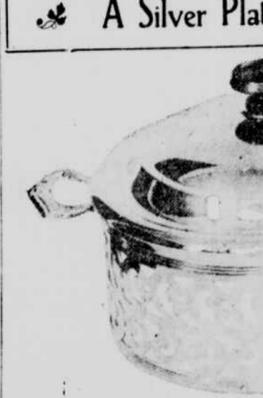
BLACK velvet—preferably a very little, but in some cases a great deal—must be upon the frock of midsummer, else that garment, whether lace, silk or cotton, lacks cachet. A few inches of black velvet are really often able to give decided character to an otherwise meaningless costume. Just how much of this fascinating material should be employed depends entirely upon the type of gown to be developed. Mouseline de soie, for instance, has a positive genius for successfully carrying black velvet. This fact was evidenced at the Southampton Dog Show last week, where a matron long identified with that colony wore over a white silk slip a tunic whose skirt portion was banded, Russian manner, at the hem with an extremely wide velvet strip, four inches above which was set a much narrower band. The tunic was loosely suspended from a velvet shoulder-broad yoke going straight across the back, but at front broken by a cut-in-one velvet collar coming outside of a taller collar in white lace merging with revers. These revers, rippled jabot fashion, finished the widely separated fronts of a black Chantilly jacket veiling the upper portion of the tunic and dropping into sharp points over its hips. Tassel-knotted black mouseline ends loosely knotted between the jacket's front fell below the wide strip of velvet girdling the tunic, and band cuffs of the sheered fabric, frilled deeply with white lace, finished the Chantilly bishop sleeves. Precisely the gown to wear at an event as fashionable as the dog show in question, yet perfectly suitable for church-going and formal afternoon entertainments.

A VELVET HINT FROM PARIS.
Two inch wide strands of velvet crossing the shoulders form the sole relief on a strawberry-hued voile frock lately arrived from Paris. These velvet bralettes start from slits in a blouse in cream lace and lawn. On the shoulders they lace through slits in voile epaulettes running over bands extending from the sides of a tall, wing-like lace collar over the tops of sleeves ending in band-divided double frill cuffs. The nink girde is drawn down a trifle over a voile skirt trimmed, from half way over the hips, with a tier of three even width flounces. In pink and white combinations this creation has not been excelled during the summer. But lacking its slender strands of black velvet would it have been so extremely chic?

THE MAGIE COSTUME.
Times without number it has been stated that if a Parisienne can have but one frock she has it in magpie. A Parisienne who can have as many costumes as she wishes is wearing during her first visit to New York a chic afternoon frock in black and white checked silk which is the envy of every girl who sees it. Fancy a skirt carry- ing a tier of three flounces each hem- banded with black velvet headed by white silk braid. One need not expect to see braid upon the bodice. There is no place for it upon the sus- pender waist in silk gathered into broad velvet shoulder straps, the ends secured by large flat buttons in white pearl. At front the suspenders are joined by a short plastron in silk run- ning to a square, above a pearl buckle joined white braid belt, and to a nar- row point below it. Extreme dainti- ness and an appearance of coolness are added by an under-blouse in embroi- dered white batiste whose wide sleeves end in long, closely-fitted cuffs. At the neck, the back and front fullness of the blouse is gathered under a black velvet tail band collar which, however, is no wider than the ribbon habitually worn by many a fashionable woman throughout the summer.

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A Silver Plated Casserole



THE inner dish, which goes into the oven, has a tightly fitting cover of its own, in order to prevent the escape of all the steam. The openwork, silver plated holder is covered, too. Sold at Gimbel Brothers for \$3.50.

Summer Santa Makes Beds for Boys Who Prove Gratitude to Hostess

West Pittstown's First Batch of Fresh Airs Return with Booty of Added Weight, High Color and Spirits.

One hundred and fifteen boys and girls came back last night from country vacations at West Pittstown, Penn., and nearby places.

With them came 230 cheeks—color, deep tan, with rose centres. With them came also something like 450 pounds of transmuted country milk, eggs, fresh air and happiness—that is to say, healthy flesh and blood.

In charge of the entire flock—boys, girls, cheeks and brand new avoirdupois—came the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Dickinson, of West Pittstown, who were largely responsible for the entertainment of the seventy-two lads and lassies who spent their vacations in West Pittstown.

Mr. Dickinson was full of his first experiment in Fresh Air. No "Fresh Airs" have ever been received at West Pittstown before this summer.

"I had two of the boys in my own home," said he. "They were fine little chaps.

"We gave 'em a little present they can't lose to bring home, too—put seven pounds of fat on one and six and one-half on the other.

"Had to give them some things they could lose, as well. When they arrived they hadn't anything you could properly call shoes—not to mention some other articles of wearing apparel. So we fitted 'em out."

"One of my people"—Mr. Dickinson is the Methodist minister of West Pittstown—"had two lads, too. I don't know which pair was the best, mine or hers. Anyway, hers gave her a surprise the morning after they got there.

"In the course of her household rounds she went to the boys' room to make up the bed. When she got there she found the bed already made, and the job exceptionally well done, too.

"She knew that the boys must have done it, but when she taxed them with it all they would say was, 'Santa Claus must 'a' done it.' After a while, however, one of them went so far as to add, 'Missus, if ye leave us stay here maybe Santa'll make the bed every morning.'

"Santa did, too.
"The people just enjoyed having the kiddies. My! They had picnics and

such things without end for them. And I think every one of them is wearing a whole new outfit home.

"Next year—well, that's another story; but wait till you see what will happen next year to some 'Fresh Airs.'"

Some Fresh Air hosts are finicky—they want their Fresh Air guests to fit exact measurements in certain respects which they specify. Mr. Dickinson and the hosts of West Pittstown were not. They did, on their list of invitations, indicate the ages of the youngsters asked for. When they were told, however, that it might be impossible to meet their requirements exactly they said:

"Why, of course, those ages are only approximate. You can't make the kiddies to order. Just send 'em poor and as near those ages as possible."

When the question as to whether they would require the children to be of a specified religion came up the spokesman for the committee said:

"Well, there's only one thing to be said. We love anybody that God loves. If you're sure He loves them send 'em along."

And we did.

One hundred boys and girls went out yesterday to take the places of those who returned from West Pittstown. Others go to-day.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TRIBUNE FRESH AIRS FUND

Previous acknowledged	\$20,013.54
Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church	100.00
Frederic Bradley	50.00
Twilight Inn, Montclair, Twilight Inn, Madison Ave. N. Y.	43.62
W. D. B.	25.00
H. B. Gilford	25.00
F. O. G.	25.00
The memory of J. H. Frankenburg	10.00
F. Foster Craig	10.00
J. Henry Holton	10.00
A. W. C. and	2.00
Mrs. J. P. Howell	2.00
Peter Voshag	5.00
Lois K.	5.00
A. C. Winthaus	5.00
Mrs. Winthrop Chandler	5.00
Mrs. Grace Seabrook Wallace	5.00
The memory of Edward S. T. Kennedy	5.00
Mrs. R. B. Howe	2.00
Pleasant Valley Sunday School, Willsboro, N. Y.	2.00
Mrs. George A. Low	1.00
Lois K.	1.00
Mrs. J. P. Howell	1.00
Thomas M. Chubb	1.00
East Orange	1.00
Hughes, Conn.	1.00
Cash	2.00
Total, July 29, 1915	\$20,857.11

Contributions, preferably by check or money order, should be sent to the Tribune Fresh Air Fund, The Tribune, New York.

DINNER AT BAR HARBOR

Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner Sherman Entertain Friends.

Bar Harbor, Me., July 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner Sherman entertained at dinner to-night. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Karrik Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brooks Fenno, Mrs. Joseph Pulitzer, Mrs. Francis MacNutt, Charles Robinson, Frederick Baldwin, A. M. Post Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCormick, jr.

Miss Alice Thornycroft had as luncheon guests the Misses Mary Pyne, Janet Elliott, Alexandra Emery, Elizabeth and Laura Amory, Margaret Weld and Elsie Burr.

Miss Helen Hamilton, of New York, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, at the Jacques cottage.

Mrs. William P. Draper gave a luncheon party for ten.

Among those entertaining at Jordan's Pond were Mr. and Mrs. Warner Milfin Leeds, Mr. and Mrs. A. Murray Young and Mrs. G. Quincy Thornycroft.

Howard Sturges entertained a dinner party at Kamp Kill Kare to-night.

BRIDGE AT NARRAGANSETT

Society Plays for Benefit of Village Association.

Narragansett Pier, R. I., July 29.—Many of the cottagers motored to Scarborough Beach pavilion this afternoon, where a bridge tournament took place for the benefit of the Narragansett Village Improvement Association. There were nineteen tables, and following the bridge tea was served.

The first prize was a silver vase, won by Mrs. Frank Samuel, of Philadelphia; the second prize, an ornamental bronze piece, was won by Mrs. Wharton Poor. The third prize, a beach hat, was won by Mrs. David Stevenson, of New York, and the fourth prize, a chintz box, was won by Mrs. Talbot S. Hanan, of New York.

Among those present were Mrs. Rowland Hazard, Mrs. S. Hinman Bird, Mrs. Henry Lippitt, Mrs. Kenneth M. Murchison, Mrs. E. L. Welsh, Mrs. Saunders P. Jones, Mrs. Isaac H. Clothier, jr., Mrs. Charles Hitchcock, Mrs. Cary Roberts, Miss Beatrice de Coppet, Mrs. J. P. Robinson, Miss Sarah Baldwin, Mrs. Rush Sturges and Mrs. Thomas Le Boutillier. The prizes were donated for the tourney by Mrs. E. L. Welsh and Miss Sarah Baldwin.

Mrs. Henry B. Kane entertained at dinner at her villa, and among her guests were Philip La Montagne, Robert Lee Kneeling, Mrs. Marion Ashdown and Augustus Lukeman.

Prince Paul Troubetzkoy visited the Casino to-day for luncheon, and afterward motored to Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Crane, of Dedham, Mass., gave a luncheon at the Casino for E. F. Burke.

A golf tournament in which mixed foursomes will be played will be held at the Point Judith Country Club on Saturday, July 31.

Baby Boy at Kingsbury Home.

John A. Kingsbury, Commissioner of Charities, yesterday informed his office that earlier in the day a ten-and-a-half-pound boy had arrived at the Kingsbury home, 1 West Sixty-eighth Street, Mrs. Kingsbury and the newcomer were reported by the Commissioner to be doing well.

2 GRAND PRIZES FOR AMERICAN RED CROSS

Washington Headquarters Receive Notice of Award of Many Minor Honors.

Washington, July 29.—Notice of the award of two grand prizes and several others by the San Francisco Exposition was received at the headquarters of the American Red Cross here to-day. One of the grand prizes is given for a lifesaving, nursing and hygiene exhibit; the other, for an exhibit of medical and surgical instruments and materials.

For service in "protection against floods," the organization was awarded a gold medal, while a silver medal was won for first aid equipment.

The jury awarded a silver medal to each of the following Red Cross workers: Ernest P. Bicknell, national director; Lewis E. Stein, who was responsible for much of the work of installing the Red Cross exhibit; Major Robert U. Patterson, medical corps, U. S. A., chief of the medical bureau; Miss Jane A. Delano, chairman of the general nursing service; Miss Fannie F. Clement, superintendent of the town and country nursing service; Charles D. Jameson, the American civil engineer who made the pioneer flood prevention study in the Hwai River district of China for the American Red Cross, and Lieutenant Colonel William L. Sibert, engineer corps, U. S. A., who directed the final investigation which resulted in the formulation of a definite plan of flood prevention work in the Hwai River region.

RELEASE WILSON 'CRANK'

German Who Wrote Letter to President Found Sane.

Washington, July 29.—F. Y. Weinschenck, a German propagandist, arrested immediately after the dynamiting of the Capitol and the shooting of J. Pierpont Morgan, was released to-day from the government asylum for the insane as mentally right.

Weinschenck's arrest was due to a letter he wrote to President Wilson. He is said to have spent \$200,000 on his propaganda.

NEWPORT PREPARES FOR SUFFRAGE TEA

Dansant Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon at Home of Mrs. Belmont.

Newport, R. I., July 29.—Work was begun to-day to lay out the grounds of Marble House, the home of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, for the suffrage dansant on Saturday afternoon.

The rain of last night caused the postponement of the tennis playing at the Casino to-day.

Among those registered at the Casino were Thomas M. Avery, of New York; Miss E. Leonard, of Baltimore; Miss Constance Perkins, of New York; Prince Pierre Troubetzkoy, Alexander Hutcheson, of New York, visiting Mrs. Stuart Duncan; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Havemeyer, and Colonel and Mrs. Murrough O'Brien, of the British Embassy staff.

Mrs. James Lounsbury is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Norman, at Black Point Farm.

Julian Little is visiting Reginald C. Vanderbilt, at Sandy Point Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore A. Havemeyer are the guests of Miss Anna Sands.

Mrs. Moses Taylor Campbell is the guest of Mrs. Burke Roche, at Elm Court; Miss Cornelia Barclay is the guest of Mrs. Charles F. Hoffman, and Mrs. R. T. Taylor are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Saffern Tailor.

Mr. Ernest Durr gave a bridge party at the Naval Training Station to-day.

Mrs. H. J. Whitehouse gave a luncheon at Eastbourne Lodge; Mrs. George Messervy gave a luncheon for Mrs. F. McCauley, of Washington. Miss Anna Sands was also a luncheon hostess. Mrs. John Thompson Spencer gave a dinner at her cottage to-night.

ASKS \$42,392 LESS

County Clerk Suggests Example to Other Officials.

County Clerk Schneider sent to the Board of Estimate yesterday his budget needs for the year 1916, which show a reduction of \$42,392 from the expenses of the current year.

Mr. Schneider explains that in the last year his office has brought up to date 1,000,000 folios of deferred recording at the cost of \$48,000. Twice as much work of this character remains to be done. The County Clerk collects 10 cents a folio for this work. Mr. Schneider says: "I feel that it is incumbent upon every department head to cut out all expenses not imperatively necessary. Therefore, I am asking, under this heading, for only enough copyists to keep up the current recording work."

He points out also that new duties have been imposed upon his office, without provision for additional employees. Included in this additional work is the copying and indexing of marriage licenses, which number about 30,000 a year.

SWAT THE HUMAN! NOT THE MOSQUITO

Malaria Is Spread by Persons, Not Insects, in Winter—So Spare the Insect.

Washington, July 29.—A new method of warfare against the elusive malaria germ, whose migration from human beings to mosquitoes and back again has made him exceedingly hard to catch, has been devised by the Public Health Service. So far it has proved impossible to exterminate the germs, because some wandering mosquito always managed to carry off enough to start the epidemic anew.

Now, however, the experts see success ahead, for they have found that during the winter the mosquito loafs on his job as disease carrier and that the new supply of germs must come each year from infected persons. The answer is easy—determine the appointed season, catch all infected persons and destroy each private menagerie of germs.

Quinine, says M. Bruin Mitzmain, who conducted the experiments, will do the trick.

"At any time previous to May 15," declared Mr. Mitzmain in his report to the surgeon general, "protection from malaria may be secured by treating with quinine all the human carriers, so that the insect carriers may be permitted to carry out their role in completing the cycle. Failing this, prophylactic measures among healthy and other susceptible persons may be instituted any time from May 15 to June 1, when it is considered the completion of the mosquito cycle in this locality makes preventive measures urgent."

MAYOR AIDS KRACKE IN BRIDGE CAR FIGHT

B. R. T. Threatens to Stop Service if Old Franchise Is Not Renewed.

Mayor Mitchel will assist Bridge Commissioner Kracke in his fight to make the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company share its profits from the short-haul cars over the Williamsburg Bridge with the city. Commissioner Kracke brought the matter to the attention of the Board of Estimate yesterday and appealed for assistance.

"The question before the board," said the Mayor, "is whether we are willing to permit the B. R. T. to club the city into allowing a continuance of present conditions, by which we do not get a fair return for